I claim:

1.   A system for generating and distributing command programs for programmable devices, comprising:

5   a server system for running a controlling software program that generates command programs based on an application program;

a remote system for running an industry standard browser program;

10   a programmable device that performs tasks based on command programs;

a communications system that allows the industry standard browser program and the device program to communicate with the controlling software program;

15   wherein

an end user can control the controlling software program using the remote system to generate a desired command program based on a desired task and download the desired command program to the programmable device

20   through the communications system.